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APPLICANT: JURO KIKUCHI ET AL. - 1 (CIP)
SERIAL NO.: 09/810,928 EXAMINER: S. SONG
FILED: MARCH 15, 2001 CROUP: 2874
TITLE: ARRAYED OPTICAL DEVICE

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP FEB AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action dated September 4, 2003, with the period for response extended for three months or until March 4, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.